

**MINUTES
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 8, 2011
FREMONT CITY HALL
7:00 P.M.**

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 Call to Order: Mayor Wasserman called the meeting to order.

1.2 Flag Salute: Councilmember Harrison led the salute to the flag.

1.3 Roll Call: Present: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Chan, Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Dutra.

1.4 Announcements by Mayor/City Manager – the Mayor congratulated Senior Center staff for another successful annual Crab Feed.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- * **2.1 Waive Reading of Ordinances:** The City Attorney read the titles of ordinances to be considered.

On a motion by Councilmember Natarajan, seconded by Vice Mayor Chan, the City Council waived further readings of proposed ordinances.

Ayes:	Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Chan, Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Dutra
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

- * **2.2 Approval of Minutes** – None.

- * **2.3 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Amendment Increasing the Current Service Agreement between the City and Erler & Kalinowski, Inc., by \$210,000, to a Total of \$605,000 and Authorize the Agency Executive Director to Execute an Amendment Increasing the Current Service Agreement between the Redevelopment Agency and Harris & Associates, Inc., by \$69,040, to a Total of \$398,720 for Environmental Remediation Services for the Former Union Pacific Railroad Property and Existing City Parking Lots in Niles**

On a motion by Councilmember Natarajan, seconded by Vice Mayor Chan, the City Council authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a Professional Services Agreement Amendment with Erler & Kalinowski, Inc., for Environmental Consulting Services during

Phase 2 of the environmental remediation of the former Union Pacific Property in Niles in an amount not to exceed \$210,000.

Ayes: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Chan,
Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Dutra
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

3. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

3.1 Resolution: Honoring Wanda Zhan for her Contribution to Assist with Education and Aid in helping the Children of Sichuan Province, China

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Oral and Written Communications

Mike Dubinsky (Save Niles Canyon) invited the public to attend a forum to discuss the community's concerns related to the Niles Canyon project to be held on March 9 at the Fremont Senior Center.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS – None.

6. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY

6.1 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of a Report Out from Closed Session of Any Final Action – None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Management Partners Incorporated to Conduct a Comprehensive Strategic Sustainability Study, In an Amount not to Exceed \$90,000

City Manager Fred Diaz provided an overview of the staff report and introduced Andy Belknap (Management Partners Vice President). Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

On a motion by Councilmember Dutra, seconded by Councilmember Natarajan, the City Council formally endorsed the City Manager's recommendation to implement a Strategic Sustainability Study, and authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Management Partners Incorporated, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

Ayes: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Chan,
Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Dutra

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

7.2 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of an Update on Proposed Issuance of 2011 Redevelopment Agency Tax Allocation Bonds

On a motion by Councilmember Natarajan, seconded by Vice Mayor Chan, the City Council directed staff to not proceed with the sale of tax allocation bonds at this time.

Ayes: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Chan,
Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Dutra
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

7.3 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of Approval of Assignment of Redevelopment Agency Service Agreements to the City and Authorize the Executive Director and City Manager to Execute An Assignment and Assumption Agreement

On a motion by Councilmember Natarajan, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council approved the assignment of Redevelopment Agency service agreements to the City as described in the attached list, and authorized the Agency Executive Director and the City Manager to execute an Assignment and Assumption Agreement.

Ayes: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Chan,
Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Dutra
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Council Referrals

8.1.1 MAYOR WASSERMAN REFERRAL: Appointment of Vinnie Bacon to the Economic Development Advisory Commission and Chitraleka Vivek to the Library Advisory Commission

By consensus, Vinnie Bacon was appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2014 and Chitraleka (Chitra) Vivek was appointed to the Library Advisory Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

8.2 Oral Reports on Meetings and Events – None.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mayor Wasserman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk

BOB WASSERMAN, Mayor